Genesis – Chapter 4

Verse 1 – "And Adam knew Eve his wife" (KJV).

- Hebrew word for knew/know is "yada" which means to know, to have knowledge. The biblical meaning of "to know" can be used in a sexual context, Genesis 4:1, 4:25, 1 Samuel 1:19, Matthew 1:25

- Yada can also be used to talk about what a person has knowledge of; Genesis 2:9, Genesis 3:7, Philippians 3:10

- Divine Principles (Unitarian) teach that the tree of knowledge was about sexual activity. So when Eve took of the fruit from the tree of knowledge, she really had sex with the serpent. But that would also mean that Adam had sex with the serpent because he eat the fruit too.

Verse 1 – "I have gotten a man from the LORD."

- Many biblical scholars believe that the reason first born was named Cain was because they thought he was the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15.

- The meaning of the name Abel is to be empty, vanity, breath, vapor.

Verse 2 – "Abel kept flocks"

- Abel was a shepherd. Although he wasn't the first-born son, his occupation is mentioned first.

- Verses 3-5 – Why did God accept Abel's sacrifice and rejected Cain's sacrifice? Hebrews 11:4 could be the answer, "By faith…"

- Cain killed his brother Abel. This is called Fratricide. Fratricide is used to mean the killing of one's brother or sister. However, fratricide comes from a Latin word which means "brother."

- Fratricide is at a very alarming rate today. In 2019, Cincinnati had the 19th highest murder rate in the U.S. A higher rate than Chicago. Cleveland murder rate was 10th, Dayton was 5th and St. Louis, Missouri was number 1.

- Discussion Question, Why is the murder rate increasing?